



St. John Paul II Catholic School
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to be a future saint!

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NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

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Curriculum Close-Up

Literature and Language Arts

- Evaluate, synthesize, and present ideas and information in a variety of publishing and oral formats
- Use increasingly complex oral and written conventions of the English language in speaking and writing
- Read increasingly complex text with fluency and comprehension, specifically memoir, classic American literature, mythology, poetry and drama
- Produce literary response to illustrate deeper understanding of text
- Provide evidence from text to support understanding
- Determine meaning of grade-level academic English words derived from Latin, Greek or other linguistic roots
- Use elements of the writing process: pre-writing, drafting, reviewing/revising, editing and publishing
- Expand the use of increasingly abstract grammar and sentence construction
- Write memoir and personal essay as means to better understand formation of personal values and beliefs
- Engage in the creative writing a fictional narrative, focusing on producing clear characterization, setting and motive
- Produce research in a multiple genre format

Algebra

- Simplify numeric and algebraic expressions using the laws of exponents, including integral and rational exponents
- Write systems of two linear equations given a table of values, a graph and a verbal description
- Determine the domain and range of a linear function in mathematical problems
- Graph quadratic functions on the coordinate plane and use the graph to identify key attributes
- Graph the solution set of linear inequalities in two variables on the coordinate plane

Integrated Physics and Chemistry

- Lead students to an understanding of basic scientific principles and develop an interest as well as enjoyment in science
- Engage in hands-on laboratory work, mathematical reasoning, guided and independent inquiry, problem solving and reflective discussions
- Focus on basic chemistry topics including properties of matter, atomic structure, periodic table, chemical formulas, changes in matter, chemical and nuclear reactions and solutions
- Apply physics concepts such as motion, force, work, power, simple machines, various forms of energy, transfer of thermal energy, energy transformations and waves.
- Incorporate math calculation skills to collect data with TI-84 Plus, temperature probes and link cables

United States History

- Identify reasons for European exploration and colonization of North America
- Recognize origins of the American government system as observed throughout Washington D.C. trip
- Identify significant individuals, events, and issues from Exploration to Reconstruction
- Understand citizenship skills, roles and responsibilities, including digital citizenship

Theology

- Analyze personality types and implications on perceptions of God
- Recognize and understand our salvation history
- Comprehend parts of the Mass: Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of Eucharist
- Understand how grace of God comes to fruition through sacraments
- Learn how to respect their body and God-given dignity
- Understand our responsibility for all of God's creation
- Recognize ways we experience the Holy Spirit at work in our lives

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